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TOWN OF SHARON
MASSACHUSETTS

TOWN ELECTION

MONDAY, APRIL 7, 1975
8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.
(Please Note Article 1 and Recommendation)

OPEN WARRANT MEETING

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 1975
8:00 P.M.
Informal Discussion of Special Articles and Budgets

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 14, 1975
8:00 P.M.

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ELECTION AND MEETINGS AT HIGH SCHOOL, POND STREET
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TAX RATE ESTIMATE
(See Last Page)

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

NORFOLK, SS.

To either Constable of the Town of Sharon, Greetings

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Sharon, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at the High School Gymnasium on Pond Street in said Sharon, on Monday, the seventh day of April A.D. 1975, at 8:00 a.m., and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers as by law are required to be elected by ballot, and on the ballot prepared by the Town Clerk, to wit: Moderator, One Year Term; One Member of the Board of Selectmen, Three Year Term; One Member of the Board of Assessors, Three Year Term; Two Members of the School Committee, Three Year Terms; Two Trustees of the Public Library, Three Year Terms; One Member of the Planning Board, Five Year Term; One Member of the Housing Authority, Five Year Term; and to determine any questions as by law are required to be determined by ballot; to wit:

Question 1. "Shall licenses be granted in this town for the operation, holding or conducting of a game commonly called beano?"

WE RECOMMEND AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON THIS QUESTION. THIS WILL PERMIT CONTINUED OPERATION OF LOCAL BEANO GAMES.

The following Articles will be acted on at the business session of this meeting, to be held by adjournment on Monday, April 14, 1975 at 8:00 p.m. at the High School Auditorium on Pond Street.

NOTE: RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WARRANT COMMITTEE ARE PRINTED BELOW EACH ARTICLE IN CAPITAL LETTERS.

REPORT OF THE WARRANT COMMITTEE

This year once again, Sharon's Annual Town Meeting will be presented with an increase in the annual tax rate, and once again, the increase is likely to be substantial. Two factors have combined to cause this dismal prospect. First is the anticipated sharp reduction in the state financial assistance. Second is a budget which reflects a continuing desire to keep to yesterday's standard of living in the face of today's economic pressures. Although this increased budget has an encouraging side, namely, the signs of a new restraint on growth of the School Committee budget, its overall effect is to drive up the cost of living in Sharon.

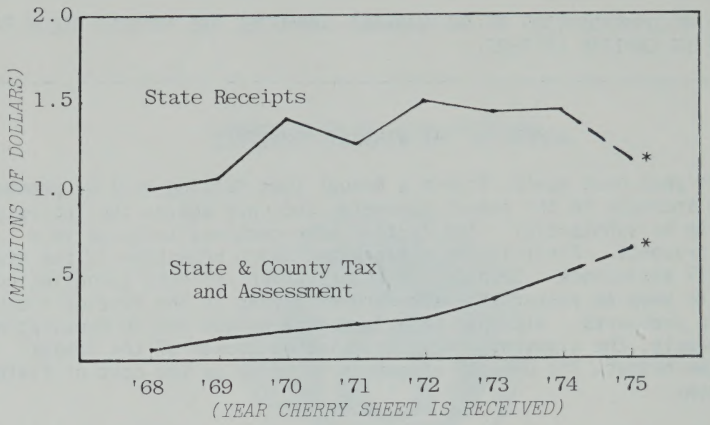
In discussing the matter of state financial assistance, we are especially handicapped this year. We lack any kind of official information. We can only presume that state assistance will be substantially smaller than in recent years.

Information from the state comes in as many as three stages: 1) semi-official estimates; 2) official estimates on the Cherry Sheet; and 3) a final supplement to the Cherry Sheet. At least the first set of estimates is always available in time for preparing the tax rate calculation printed in the Warrant. This year, state officials were not able to supply this information and the Warrant Committee was forced to substitute its own estimate. Since this estimate is an important element in the projected tax rate of $54.65 shown on the last sheet of the Warrant, it deserves further explanation.

The Warrant Committee prediction of state aid for the 1975-76 fiscal year is based on an extension of the trends of recent years, adjusted by the reports of the impoverishment of the state treasury. The data used in this process are represented in Figure 1. The two graphs show the two sets of figures taken from each final Cherry Sheet, the upper graph showing the funds which go to the town as state receipts and the lower graph, the funds taken away as county and state taxes and assessments. The vertical distance between the two graphs at each year represents the net financial assistance provided by the State. Both graphs go back to the year 1968. State receipts show an overall trend of levelling off and starting downward. The alternating peaks and valleys correspond to the state election and off-election years. Our projection recognizes that state funds will be in short supply and that there will be no election year upward shift, and accordingly extends the downward trend. The tax and assessment graph is quite different. It shows a continuous trend upward, more sharply so in recent years. Our projection extends this recent trend.

We hope to receive the official estimates on the Cherry Sheet shortly before Town Meeting. A new tax rate projection will be made and reported at that time.

Figure 1. STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE



* Warrant Committee Projection

The budgets submitted this year showed a major effort on the part of department heads and town officials to restrict cost increases. The department heads generally included no more than the basic ingredients required to keep their departments providing the same level of service as last year. The continuing rise in the cost of power and fuel, and in other materials and services, forced the budget totals higher. Maintenance on buildings and equipment and replacement of badly worn equipment, much of it postponed in earlier years in the hope of better times to come, were added factors in raising budgets and special article costs. Warrant Committee action in cutting budgets was necessarily limited. In many budgets it was nothing more than reducing estimated cost increases in the expectation that the increasing recession would cause prices to level off. We also cut back on fuel and power usage, anticipating that town employees would apply the same growing sense of economy that many of us have been forced to adopt in our own homes. No staff increases were recommended, other than the addition of two half-year interns in the Police Department. However, some town departments have been able to gain the services of C.E.T.A. employees at no cost to the town. We have cautioned these departments not to anticipate that these staff additions will continue after outside funding ceases.

The School Committee budget has been printed in this Warrant as submitted. It reflects an intensified effort on the part of the School Committee to adjust the expenditures on school services to the funding capacity of the town and to respond to gradual reduction of our school population. A formerly untouchable area such as staff reductions has now been "touched". A significant part of the budget increase can be attributed to the state mandated expansion of the "Special Education" program. This expansion is supported by the School Committee possibly beyond the point required by the state. It is most unlikely that the state will comply with its commitment to underwrite the program expansion with new state funds. The School Committee has the obligation

to see that the financing of future expansion is made with full consideration of the increasing tax burden it is causing.

It is possible to separate out the individual effects of state assistance changes and budget changes on the tax rate increase. Table I gives this information in terms of tax rate dollars and in the form of a comparison with the year now ending. The net town operating costs refer to the sum of town budgets and special articles less the money raised or available in the town, while the net state aid refers to the difference between the state receipts and the state and county tax and assessment.

TABLE 1

SEPARATION OF TOWN OPERATING COST AND
STATE FINANCIAL AID IN TAX RATE CALCULATION
(All figures expressed in Tax Rate Dollars)

	1974-75 Actual	1975-76 Estimated
Town Operating Cost-Current Year	$65.80	$69.20
Less Local Receipts and Available Funds	9.30	10.80
Net Town Operating Cost-Current Year	$56.50	$58.40
Town Operating Cost-From Prior Year	1.55*	---
Net Town Operating Cost-Total	$58.05	$58.40
Less Net State Financial Aid	8.05**	3.75
Tax Rate	$50.00	$54.65

* Refers to $200,000 (plus interest) removed from the 1973-74 School Committee budget by Town Meeting and replaced by Court Settlement

** Includes $1.00 for $130,000 additional State Receipts provided in the 1973-74 Cherry Sheet Supplement, but received too late to reduce the 1973-74 Tax Rate.

The figures show that the projected state aid reduction plays the larger role in the tax rate increase. The Warrant Committee had originally hoped to present the Town Meeting with a net town operating cost for the current year no greater than that shown for 1974-75. This would have been possible if budget increases were limited to the various offsetting factors. This was not possible at the time this Warrant went to press. The Warrant Committee will attempt between now and Town Meeting to prepare recommendations which will further narrow the difference between the next year's net town operating cost and this year's.

The need for the Warrant Committee to present less than its final recommendation at this time results from a major handicap we have been forced to work under. This has been the extraordinarily late delivery by town officials of budgets and recommendations. The School Committee budget was received only days before this Warrant went to press. The very complex Department of Public Works set of budgets was received only a few weeks earlier. A consultant's study of the town's insurance needs, funded last year at the request of the Board of Selectmen, has not yet been received, forcing the postponement of our review of the sharply increased insurance budget. The list of Warrant articles was not put into final form by the Selectmen until exceptionally late, barely

permitting the scheduling of public hearings valuable to the Warrant Committee in the preparation of its recommendations.

In relation to the special articles concerning zoning, the Warrant Committee has not yet received the reports and recommendations of the Planning Board, and, as in past years, felt forced to omit its own recommendations from this Warrant and to defer them until Town Meeting. Only in the case of the Flood Hazard zoning articles have we by-passed the Planning Board. We considered that the need to alert the townspeople, especially those directly affected, required our recommendation at the earliest possible time.

This survey of delayed action is not meant to take away from the considerable time and energy devoted by the elected officials involved. This time and energy is all the more valued because it is contributed from each officials personal life and at no commensurate pay. But it does suggest that new procedures and possibly new rules must be developed to insure the timely conduct of the town's business, certainly, if we are to merit the confidence of the townspeople.

A final note, a reminder to the residents of Sharon of their own obligation in the planning of the town's finances. Apathy displayed by the townspeople could generate apathy on the part of town officials. The small attendance at last year's Town Meeting might have contributed to this year's higher tax rate through the failure of the public to convey its values and its priorities. A well attended Town Meeting this year can provide the necessary guidance for next year's planning of the town's finances.

Respectfully submitted,

THE WARRANT COMMITTEE

Irving Laskin, Chairman
Doris Downey, Vice Chairman
Michael Bearon
Charles Bennett
Gerald Boulet
Gordon Gladstone
Ralph Kimble
Morris Rosenthal
James Simmons
Marilyn Stewart
Arthur Taylor
Edward Welch

ARTICLE 2. To choose four members of the Warrant Committee for three year terms and to fill any vacancies on said Committee.

Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 3. To act upon the reports as printed and to hear any other reports and to act thereon.

Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel Compensation By-Law as follows, or act in any way relating thereto:

1. By inserting in Title V, Section 19.000 Ratification between the words "to the" the words "a town meeting no later than" so that said Section 19.000 will read:

"Section 19.000 Ratification
The Board shall submit for ratification every change in a Schedule it makes pursuant to any of the provisions of this By-Law to a town meeting no later than the Annual Town Meeting next following such change."

2. By striking out all Classification Schedules and Pay Schedules of Title VIII and substituting new Classification Schedules and new Pay Schedules.

3. By amending the Supplementary Benefits Schedule of Title VIII.

Personnel Board

ARTICLE 5. To fix the compensation of elected officers, provide for a Reserve Fund, and to determine what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate, including appropriations from available funds, to defray charges and expenses of the Town, including debt and interest, for the fiscal year 1976 beginning July 1, 1975.

Board of Selectmen

WE RECOMMEND ADOPTION OF THE VARIOUS SUMS LISTED FOR 1975-76 IN THE RECAPITULATION OF ARTICLE 5 EXCEPT FOR THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE BUDGET, WHICH WAS RECEIVED TOO LATE FOR STUDY BY THE WARRANT COMMITTEE, AND FOR THE INSURANCE BUDGET, WHICH WAS RECEIVED FROM THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN WITHOUT THE CONSULTANT'S REPORT. RECOMMENDATIONS ON THESE BUDGETS WILL BE MADE AT TOWN MEETING.

ARTICLE 6. To hear the record of the Donors to the Sharon Friends School Fund, and to choose Trustees of the School Funds and other officers not on the official ballot.

Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 1975, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

Board of Selectmen

WE RECOMMEND ADOPTION OF THIS ROUTINE ARTICLE WHICH AUTHORIZES THE TREASURER TO BORROW IN ANTICIPATION OF TAX REVENUE.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Overlay Reserve Account to the Reserve Fund.

Town Accountant

RECOMMENDATION TO BE MADE AT TOWN MEETING.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the State Aid to Public Libraries reserved for Appropriations Account to the Public Library Account, or act in any way relating thereto.

Town Accountant

WE RECOMMEND ADOPTION AND THE TRANSFER OF $4,638, FROM THE STATE AID TO PUBLIC LIBRARIES ACCOUNT. THIS ACTION IS REQUIRED BY STATUTE TO ACCOMPLISH THIS TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE STATE TO THE LIBRARY BUDGET.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available funds to the Public Library Account for replacement of books lost and paid for at the Sharon Public Library.

Trustees of the Public Library

WE RECOMMEND ADOPTION AND TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS OF $300. TO THE PUBLIC LIBRARY BUDGET.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to petition the General Court to authorize and allow the Town of Sharon to vote on the following question at the 1976 Annual Town Meeting or any Special Town Meeting, or have placed on the official ballot used in the Town of Sharon at the town election in 1976, or at the biennial state election in 1976, or act in any way relating thereto:

> E. Shall licenses be granted in this Town for the sale therein of alcoholic beverages by restaurants and function rooms having a seating capacity of not less than one hundred persons? Yes____ No ____

Board of Selectmen

WE RECOMMEND THE TOWN ADOPT THIS ARTICLE. THIS IS THE FIRST STEP IN A PROCESS THAT WILL LEGALIZE THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN ESTABLISHMENTS LIKE THE FORMER RESTAURANT "HAWAIIAN QUEEN" AND FUNCTION ROOMS SUCH AS GREEN MANOR, BELL HOUSE, VETERANS' CLUBS, AND COUNTRY CLUBS WHICH CAN LEGALLY SEAT 100 GUESTS OR MORE. A NEGATIVE VOTE WILL CUT OFF THIS LEGALIZING PROCESS AND SERVE TO NOTIFY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN'S WISHES IN REGARD TO THE STRICT ENFORCEMENT OF EXISTING LAWS.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to apply for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program so as to provide for the availability of federally subsidized flood insurance for those areas in the Town having special flood hazards, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

WE RECOMMEND ADOPTION OF THIS ARTICLE. NEW FEDERAL RULES WILL HANDICAP OWNERS OF PROPERTY DESIGNATED AS SUBJECT TO FLOOD HAZARD, BY EFFECTIVELY CUTTING OFF MORTGAGE MONEY UNLESS PROSPECTIVE BORROWERS CARRY FLOOD HAZARD INSURANCE. ADOPTION OF THIS ARTICLE WILL MAKE SUCH BORROWERS ELIGIBLE FOR LOW COST FEDERAL INSURANCE, THEREBY RESTORING TO PRESENT OWNERS MOST OF THEIR ABILITY TO FREELY SELL OR DEVELOP THEIR DESIGNATED FLOOD PRONE LAND AND BUILDINGS. (PROPERTY OWNERS UNSURE AS TO WHETHER THEIR PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE FEDERAL DESIGNATION OF FLOOD PRONE SHOULD SEEK FURTHER INFORMATION AT THE SELECTMEN'S OR ENGINEER'S OFFICE.)

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws to regulate construction in flood hazard areas as follows, or act in any way relating thereto:

1. Add to Section 1 "Establishment of Districts"

> (9) Flood Hazard District. The Flood Hazard District is defined as all areas so designated on maps entitled "FIA Flood Hazard Boundary Maps" Nos. H 01 thru H 08 dated October 18, 1974, on file with the Town Clerk.

2. Add Section 8A, Flood Hazard District Regulations.

8A Flood Hazard District Regulations. Any other bylaw or regulation to the contrary notwithstanding, no construction shall be permitted within the District unless the Board of Appeal shall determine that all utilities are located, elevated and constructed so as to minimize or eliminate flood damage and that methods of disposal for sewage, refuse, and other wastes and for providing drainage are adequate to reduce flood hazards; provided that such permit from the Board of Appeal shall not be required in cases where the Planning Board has conducted a similar review and approved same under its Regulations.

Board of Selectmen

WE RECOMMEND ADOPTION OF THIS ARTICLE WHICH SUPPORTS THE PREVIOUS ARTICLE AND IS REQUIRED IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THE ADVANTAGE DESCRIBED UNDER THAT ARTICLE.
(Note: See Town Zoning Map showing Flood Hazard Districts at center pages.)

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money for highway projects approved by the Massachusetts Department of Public Works, and in conjunction therewith to transfer for highway purposes those funds allocated and received in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 825 of the Acts of 1974, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into contracts and agreements with the state or county, or both, for the expenditure of any funds allotted or to be allotted for the construction, reconstruction and improvement of town roads, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

WE RECOMMEND NO APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE STATE WILL FUND $43,200 FOR CHAPTER 825 CONSTRUCTION WITHOUT ANY APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS BY THE TOWN.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be used in conjunction with and in addition to any funds allotted or to be allotted by the state or county, or both, for the construction, reconstruction and improvement of town roads, and further to authorize the Selectmen to accept and enter into contracts for the expenditure of appropriated town funds in conjunction with any funds so allotted by the state or county, or both, for the construction, reconstruction and improvement of town roads, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

WE RECOMMEND THE APPROPRIATION OF $13,200. THIS SUM, WHEN ADDED TO FUNDS PREVIOUSLY ACCUMULATED AND WITH $26,079, TO BE RECEIVED FROM THE STATE AND WITH ANY FUNDS THAT MAY BE RECEIVED FROM THE COUNTY WILL ALLOW FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF MASSAPOAG AVENUE, A PROJECT WHICH HAS BEEN PLANNED FOR MANY YEARS, AND IF THERE IS ANY BALANCE, FOR OTHER SIMILAR PROJECTS.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to continue the present Adult Education Program and to raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor, or act in any way relating thereto.

School Committee

WE RECOMMEND ADOPTION OF THE ARTICLE AND THE APPROPRIATION OF $11,200. ABOUT 460 PEOPLE PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROGRAM EACH SEMESTER AND THE TOWN WILL RECEIVE, BETWEEN TUITION FEES AND STATE REIMBURSEMENT, AN AMOUNT APPROXIMATELY EQUAL TO THE APPROPRIATION.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of new or replacement equipment for the Department of Public Works, and determine whether the money shall be provided for by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing, or by a combination thereof, or act in any way relating thereto.

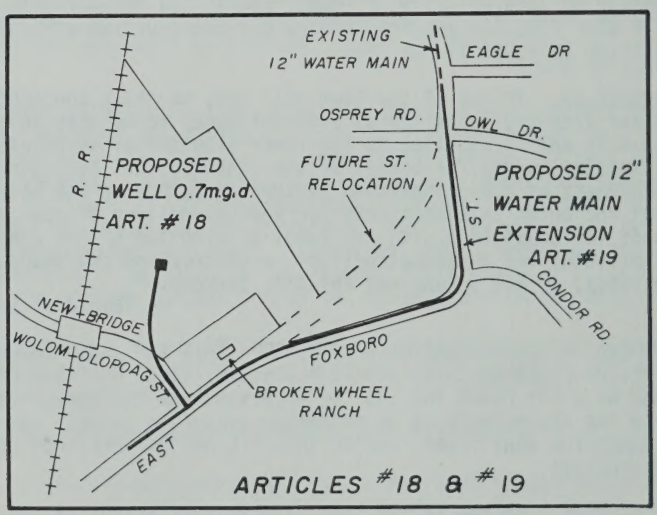
Board of Selectmen

WE RECOMMEND ADOPTION OF THIS ARTICLE AND FUNDING OF $85,000 FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THREE DUMP TRUCKS, THREE PICKUP AND UTILITY TRUCKS, AND ONE SAND SPREADER BODY. RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE MADE AT TOWN MEETING AS TO THE DIVISION OF FUNDING BETWEEN APPROPRIATION, BORROWING AND TRANSFER.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the construction of an additional well for water supply, pumphouse, and improvements to the water distribution system, and determine whether the money shall be provided for by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing, or by a combination thereof, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

RECOMMENDATION AND REPORT AT TOWN MEETING. WE ARE WAITING FOR A REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN PROJECTING WATER NEEDS VERSUS EXISTING WELL CAPACITIES FOR THE COMING YEARS.



ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the construction of a water main in the existing travelled way of East Foxboro Street southerly from the existing water main at Eagle Drive a total distance of about 4400 feet including connection to the proposed well at the rear of the Broken Wheel Ranch, and determine whether the money shall be provided for by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing, or by a combination thereof, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

SEE COMMENTS UNDER ARTICLE 18. THIS PIPELINE IS NEEDED TO CONNECT THE PROPOSED NEW WELL INTO THE EXISTING WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the painting and repairing of the Massapoag Avenue water standpipe and determine whether the money shall be provided for by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing, or by a combination thereof, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

WE RECOMMEND ADOPTION OF THIS ARTICLE AND THE APPROPRIATION OF $30,000. THIS IS THE SECOND INSTALLMENT OF A PROGRAM FOR THE INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR PAINTING AND MAINTENANCE OF OUR THREE WATER STANDPIPES WHICH MUST BE DONE APPROXIMATELY EVERY TEN YEARS. THE COST FOR THE ONE REMAINING STANDPIPE IS ESTIMATED TO BE AN ADDITIONAL $33,000 NOT REQUESTED THIS YEAR.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for highway or drainage construction, or both, and to purchase or take by eminent domain, lands or easements necessary therefor, and determine whether the money shall be provided for by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing, or by a combination thereof, or act in any way relating thereto.

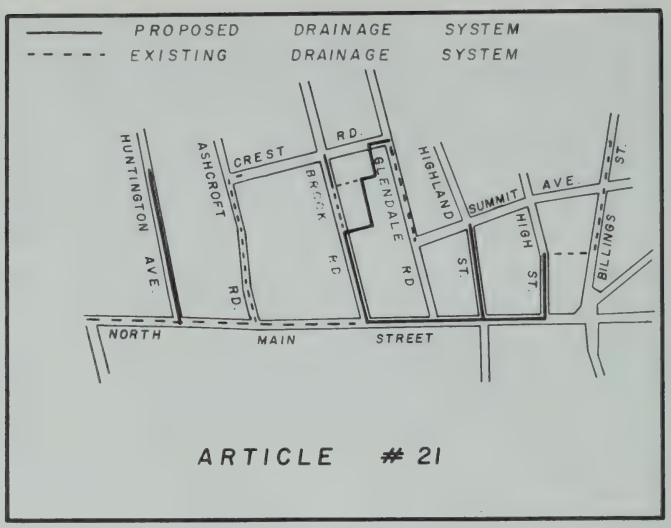
Board of Selectmen

WE RECOMMEND ADOPTION OF THIS ARTICLE AND FUNDING OF $137,000 FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE NORTH MAIN STREET DRAINAGE PROJECT. THIS PROJECT HAS BEEN PROCEEDING IN STAGES FOR SEVERAL YEARS. THE WARRANT COMMITTEE FAVORS COMPLETION IN ORDER TO BRING THE ULTIMATE BENEFITS OF THE PROJECT TO THE NEIGHBORHOODS CONCERNED, AND IN ORDER TO AVOID THE CONTINUED EXTRA EXPENSE OF PROCEEDING IN PIECEMEAL FASHION. RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE MADE AT TOWN MEETING AS TO THE DIVISION OF FUNDING BETWEEN APPROPRIATIONS, BORROWING AND TRANSFER.
(Note: See illustration on the next page.)

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for construction of sidewalks, and determine whether the money shall be provided for by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing, or by a combination thereof, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

WE RECOMMEND INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT. THE DEMANDS ON TOWN FINANCES PRECLUDE THE EXPENDITURE AT THIS TIME FOR THE PROJECT OF EXTENDING SIDEWALKS ON EAST STREET.



ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money for the acquisition of land indicated on the Town of Sharon Conservation Commission "Plan Showing Green Areas", dated February, 1967, and as amended January, 1971, in accordance with Section 5 of Chapter 40 of the General Laws, or take any action relating thereto, and that the Conservation Commission be authorized to apply or contract for state and federal aid.

Conservation Commission

WE RECOMMEND ADOPTION OF THIS ARTICLE WHICH INCLUDES THE APPROPRIATION OF $12,500 TO RESTORE THE REVOLVING FUND OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION TO $50,000 AND THE APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF 26.8 ACRES OF LAND OFF NORTH MAIN STREET FROM THE MASSAPOAG SPORTSMEN'S CLUB FOR THE SUM OF $11,000. THIS PURCHASE COST IS INCLUDED IN THE $12,500 APPROPRIATION.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money for the purpose of implementing Sharon's American Revolution Bicentennial Community Program during 1975 and 1976, or act in any way relating thereto.

American Revolution
Bicentennial Committee

WE FAVOR SHARON'S CELEBRATION PROGRAM. OUR RECOMMENDATION OF THE AMOUNT OF MONEY TO BE APPROPRIATED WILL BE MADE AT TOWN MEETING AFTER FURTHER CONSULTATION WITH THE AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Assessors to employ a full time Assistant Assessor and raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money for this purpose, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Assessors

WE RECOMMEND INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT. THE DEMANDS ON TOWN FINANCES PRECLUDE ANY SUCH INCREASE IN TOWN HALL STAFF. FURTHERMORE, THE BOARD OF

ASSESSORS HAS NOT ESTABLISHED THE NEED FOR AN ADDITIONAL FULL TIME PROFESSIONAL POSITION.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to accept Section 100D, Chapter 41 of the General Laws, entitled "Indemnification of officers and employees of municipalities for damages arising from operation of municipally owned motor vehicles, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

WE RECOMMEND INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT. THE INTENT OF THIS ARTICLE IS TO ENABLE THE TOWN, MOST LIKELY BY TOWN MEETING VOTE WHEN THE OCCASION ARISES, TO INDEMNIFY A TOWN EMPLOYEE FOR ANY JUDGEMENT ASSESSED AGAINST HIM OR HER FOR DAMAGES ARISING FROM OPERATION OF A MUNICIPALLY OWNED MOTOR VEHICLE. IT IS NOT CLEAR AT THIS TIME WHETHER THE TOWN COULD PURCHASE INSURANCE BEYOND ITS PRESENT STATE IMPOSED $50,000 LIMIT OF LIABILITY. IT IS THE JUDGEMENT OF THE WARRANT COMMITTEE THAT THE TOWN SHOULD NOT EXPOSE ITSELF TO THE POSSIBILITY OF GREATER LIABILITY WITHOUT ADEQUATE INSURANCE.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 90, Section 18A of the General Laws, whereby the Board of Selectmen may, subject to the provisions of Section 2, Chapter 85 of the General Laws, adopt, amend, and repeal rules regulating the use by pedestrians of ways under control of the Selectmen, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

WE RECOMMEND ADOPTION OF THIS ARTICLE WHICH AUTHORIZES THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO MAKE RULES REGULATING PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC AND WILL PERMIT THEM TO INSTALL PEDESTRIAN SIGNALS OR OTHER CONTROLS IN THE FUTURE.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money for the purpose of installing traffic signals and other control devices at the North Main Street and Bay Road intersection (Cobb's Corner), and determine whether the money shall be provided for by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing, or by a combination thereof; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and contract for any available state and federal grants or assistance funds and use same in conjunction with any town funds appropriated, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

WE RECOMMEND INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT. STATE RULES REQUIRE AN EXPENDITURE OF $37,500 TO CHANGE THE TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT COBB'S CORNER, AND THERE ARE PROSPECTS FOR THE STATE MAKING THIS CHANGE WITHIN THE NEXT TWO YEARS AT LITTLE OR NO EXPENSE TO THE TOWN.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws in each of the following respects, or act in any way relating thereto:

Add:

A new subsection 6(A)20 as follows:

"6(A)20. Motor truck sales and service facility by special permit of the Board of Appeal after site plan approval as specified in Section 27 of this By-Law, provided that all

servicing is carried on within one or more buildings, and provided further that a Class 1 agent's or seller's license (as defined in Section 58, Chapter 140 of the General Laws), shall be held by the user of the premises."

Add:

A new subsection 18.28 as follows:

"18.28 Sales and Service Facility:

The land and buildings thereon primarily used for the particular purpose of selling and servicing manufactured or processed products."

Development and Industrial Commission

WE HAVE NO RECOMMENDATION AT THIS TIME SINCE WE HAVE NOT HAD THE BENEFIT OF THE PLANNING BOARD'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION ON THIS ZONING MATTER.

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws, Section 13, as follows, or act in any way relating thereto:

1. By renumbering existing Section 13(B)8 as Section 13(B)11.

2. By inserting after existing Section 13(B)7 the following new Sections 13(B)8, 9, and 10:

"8. An alternate plan of the land showing lots and ways laid out under the requirements of Single Residence District A (S.13(A))is submitted accompanied by a report of the Planning Board in accordance with the requirements of a preliminary plan.

9. A statement by the developer regarding the disposition of the common land parcels and the advantages to the Town and neighborhood in having a cluster subdivision in the area is submitted.

10. In addition to the requirements for a preliminary plan as required by Land Subdivision Rules and Regulations, the plans specified under 13(B)1 and 13(B)8 shall include the following:

a. All natural features such as swamps, ponds, brooks, ledge outcroppings, woods, roads, footpaths, etc.

b. Existing and proposed contours shown at a 5' contour interval.

c. The results of recent deep soil test pits and percolation tests at a rate of one per every five acres but in no case less than five per subdivision."

Planning Board

WE HAVE NO RECOMMENDATION AT THIS TIME SINCE WE HAVE NOT HAD THE BENEFIT OF THE PLANNING BOARD'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION ON THIS ZONING MATTER.

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to change the zone from Single Residence District A to Business District B the following described premises, or act in any way relating thereto:

The land located off the easterly side of South Main Street to the rear of the Brockton Public Market Shopping Center, being shown as Parcel B1, containing 79,876 square feet or 1.83 acres, on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Sharon, Massachusetts owned by Sharon Shopping Realty Trust" on file in the office of the Town Engineer;

Said Parcel B1 bounded and described as follows:

NORTHEASTERLY by land of S.B.J. Realty Trust, 150.00 feet;
SOUTHEASTERLY by land of S.B.J. Realty Trust, 545.00 feet;
SOUTHWESTERLY by land of S.B.J. Realty Trust, 150.00 feet; and
NORTHWESTERLY by land owned by Sharon Shopping Center Realty Trust (B.P.M.), 545.00 feet.

Frederick T. Iddings, Jr., et als

WE RECOMMEND INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT. THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS HAS GRANTED A VARIANCE PERMITTING THE OPERATORS OF THE SHOPPING CENTER TO CONSTRUCT IMPROVED SEWERAGE DISPOSAL FACILITIES ON THE LAND IN QUESTION WITHOUT REQUIREMENT OF REZONING.

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 21, Board of Appeals, of the Zoning By-Laws by deleting sub-paragraph (d) from the second paragraph of said Section 21, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

WE RECOMMEND ADOPTION OF THIS ARTICLE WHICH REMOVES THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE BOARD OF APPEALS POST A COPY OF THEIR HEARING NOTICE ON THE PROPERTY IN QUESTION. RECENTLY EXTENDED REQUIREMENTS OF NOTIFYING INTERESTED PARTIES MAKE THE REQUIREMENT OF POSTING UNNECESSARY.

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 1 of the Zoning By-Laws by striking out the "April 8, 1974" and substituting therefor the date of a map showing the boundaries of the districts and any changes in the existing districts voted at this meeting, except that any districts subject to approval of the Attorney General will be so identified, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

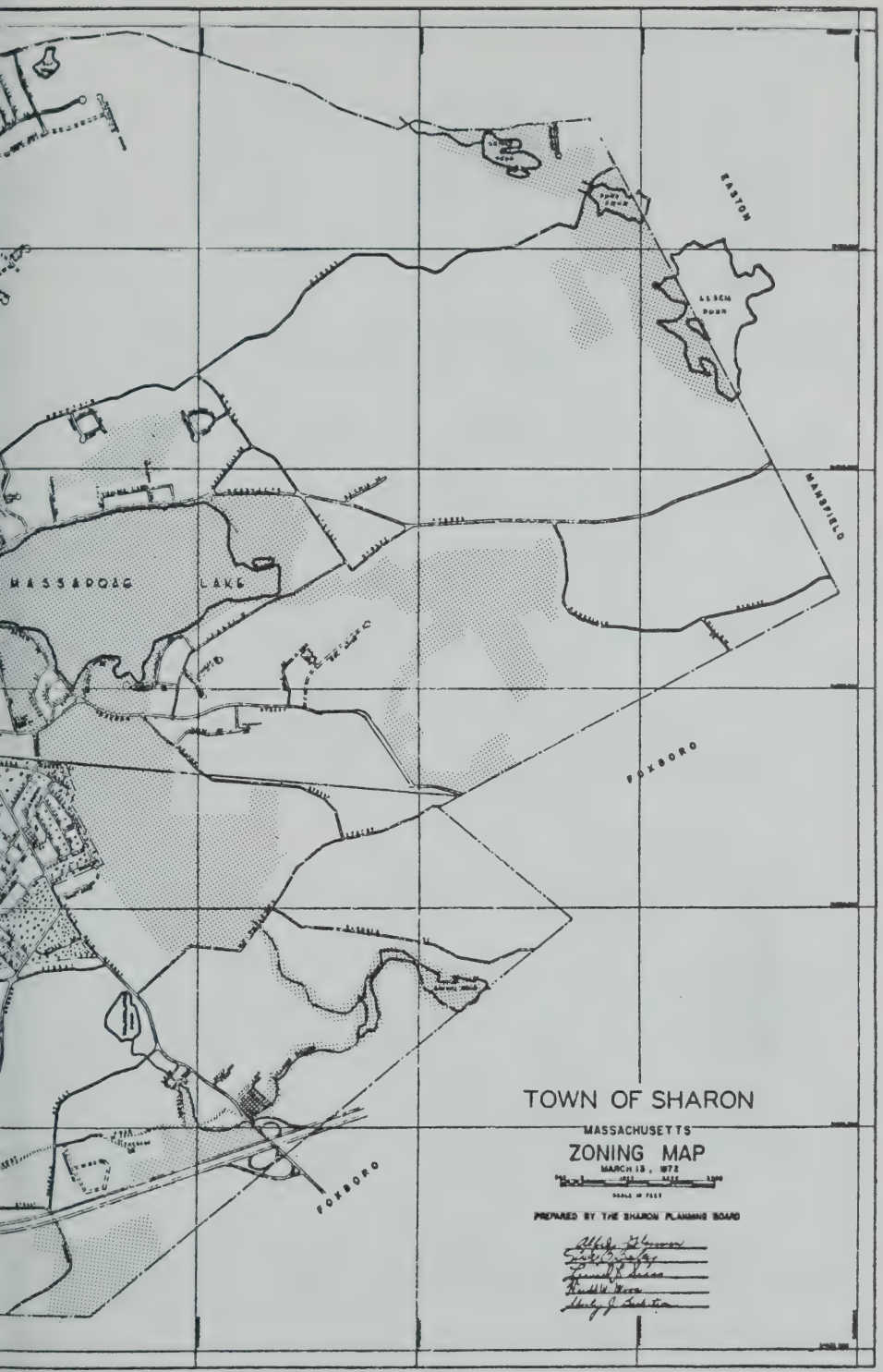
THIS IS A ROUTINE ARTICLE REQUIRING CHANGES IN ZONING MAPS TO REFLECT ANY ZONING CHANGES ADOPTED AT THIS TOWN MEETING.

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to delete Article 13, Building By-Law, from the Town By-Laws and substitute in place thereof the following, or act in any way relating thereto:

"ARTICLE 13. Building Code Board of Appeals

Section 1. There is hereby established a local Building Code Board of Appeals in accordance with the provisions of the State Building Code and with all the powers and duties set forth therein for the purpose of hearing appeals

SINGLE RESIDENCE DISTRICT "A"
SINGLE RESIDENCE DISTRICT "B"
GENERAL RESIDENCE DISTRICT
BUSINESS DISTRICT "A"
BUSINESS DISTRICT "B"
MULTIPLE RESIDENCE DISTRICT
LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT
HOUSING AUTHORITY DISTRICT
FLOOD HAZARD DISTRICT
ARTICLE # 13
NORTH
STOUGHTON
CANTON
NORWOOD
WALPOLE
VICINITY OF POST OFFICE SQUARE


EASTON
MASSAPOAG LAKE
MANSFIELD
FOXBORO
FOXBORO
TOWN OF SHARON
MASSACHUSETTS
ZONING MAP
MARCH 13, 1972
PREPARED BY THE SHARON PLANNING BOARD

pertaining to the actions of the Building Commissioner. Said Board shall initially consist of five (5) members appointed by the Selectmen, one member to be appointed for five (5) years, one member to be appointed for four (4) years, one member to be appointed for three (3) years, one member to be appointed for two (2) years, one member to be appointed for one (1) year, and thereafter each new member appointed by the Selectmen shall be appointed for a five (5) year term, or unexpired part thereof, and thereafter until his successor has been appointed.

Board of Selectmen

WE RECOMMEND ADOPTION OF THIS ARTICLE WHICH WOULD RE-ESTABLISH A TOWN BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS. THE PREVIOUS BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS AND THE TOWN BUILDING BY-LAW, ARTICLE 13, WERE INVALIDATED WHEN THE STATE RECENTLY ENACTED THE NEW STATE BUILDING CODE.

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will vote to accept and adopt as a public way a relocated section of Wolomolopoag Street from South Main southeasterly some 5890± feet to the terminus of the 1973 Massachusetts Department of Public Works layout, said relocated section as laid out by the Selectmen, and raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money therefor, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

WE RECOMMEND ADOPTION OF THIS ARTICLE AND THE APPROPRIATION OF $4,000. FOR PURCHASE OF PROPERTY REQUIRED FOR A FUTURE WIDENING OF WOLOMOLOPOAG STREET.

ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will vote to accept and adopt as a public way a relocated section of Furnace Street from Wolomolopoag Street southerly some 1134± feet as laid out by the Selectmen, and raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money therefor, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

WE RECOMMEND ADOPTION OF THIS ARTICLE AND THE APPROPRIATION OF $1,500. FOR PURCHASE OF PROPERTY REQUIRED FOR A FUTURE WIDENING OF FURNACE STREET.

ARTICLE 37. To see if the Town will vote to accept and adopt as a public way Owl Drive easterly from East Foxboro Street a distance of 2342.59 feet as laid out by the Selectmen, and raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money therefor, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

RECOMMENDATION AND REPORT AT TOWN MEETING. THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN HAS NOT YET INDICATED WHETHER THEY WILL LAY OUT THE NEW STREET FOR ACCEPTANCE.

ARTICLE 38. To see if the Town will vote to accept and adopt as a public way Partridge Hill southerly from West Ridge Drive a distance of 465 feet as laid out by the Selectmen, and raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money therefor, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

WE RECOMMEND ADOPTION AND THE APPROPRIATION OF $150. FOR LEGAL AND RECORDING FEES.

ARTICLE 39. To see if the Town will vote to accept and adopt as a public way Arboro Drive easterly from Massapoag Avenue a distance of 2059.07 feet to Mountain Street as laid out by the Selectmen, and raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money therefor, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

WE RECOMMEND ADOPTION AND THE APPROPRIATION OF $250. FOR LEGAL AND RECORDING FEES.

ARTICLE 40. To see if the Town will vote to accept and adopt as a public way that portion of Chessman Drive westerly from the terminus of that section accepted at the 1972 Annual Town Meeting at Station 18+50 a distance of 45.17 feet to Station 18+95.17 at Bishop Road as laid out by the Selectmen, and raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money therefor, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

WE RECOMMEND ADOPTION AND THE APPROPRIATION OF $100. FOR LEGAL AND RECORDING FEES.

ARTICLE 41. To see if the Town will vote to accept and adopt as a public way Bishop Road from Station 16+0 near Chessman Drive a distance of 1300.77 feet to Station 29+00.17 at Eisenhower Drive as laid out by the Selectmen, and raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money therefor, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

WE RECOMMEND ADOPTION AND THE APPROPRIATION OF $250. FOR LEGAL AND RECORDING FEES.

ARTICLE 42. To see if the Town will vote to accept the grant of an easement from Bishop Road twenty-five (25) feet in width and centered on the lot line 240.62 feet in length between Lot 62 and Lot 63A and adopt said easement as a public walkway from Bishop Road, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

RECOMMENDATION AND REPORT AT TOWN MEETING. THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN HAS NOT YET INDICATED WHETHER IT WILL LAY OUT THE NEW WALKWAY FOR ACCEPTANCE.

ARTICLE 43. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 1, Annual Meetings, of the Town By-Laws in the following respects, or act in any way relating thereto:

a. By deleting Section 1 and inserting in place thereof the following:

"Section 1. The annual meeting for the election of Town Officers shall be held on the first Monday in March."

b. By deleting Section 4 and inserting in place thereof the following:

"Section 4. All business of the Annual Town Meeting (except the election of officers, and the determination of such matters as by law are required to be elected or determined by ballot), shall be considered at an adjournment thereof, which adjournment shall be made to the second Monday of March at eight o'clock P.M."

RECOMMENDATION TO BE MADE AT TOWN MEETING. THE WARRANT COMMITTEE IS CONCERNED THAT THE CHANGE IN MEETING DATE FROM MARCH TO APRIL HAS INTERFERED WITH ATTENDANCE AT THE TOWN MEETING. THE LEVEL OF ATTENDANCE AT THE EARLY SESSIONS WILL INFLUENCE OUR RECOMMENDATION.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies of the same in accordance with the Town By-Laws.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 9th day of January A.D. 1975.

NORMAN KATZ, Chairman

GEORGE E. DONOVAN

ROBERT F. CURRIE

BOARD OF SELECTMEN,
SHARON, MASSACHUSETTS

Attest: _____
ALBERT R. HORAN, Constable

Sharon, Massachusetts, January 9, 1975

ARTICLE 5. RECAPITULATION

Acct. No.		1974-1975 Appropriations	Anticipated 1974-1975 Expenditures	Recommended 1975-1976 Total	Segregated	Recommendation in Excess of 1974-1975 Appropriations
	GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
0110	Moderator (salary)	60.00	60.00	60		0
0120	Board of Selectmen	39,537.00	39,537.00	39,634 *		97.00
	Salaries of Selectmen	1,300.00	1,300.00		1,300	
	Out of State Travel	0	0		0	
	*Other Salaries/wages/expenses	38,237.00	38,237.00		38,334 *	
0141	Town Accountant	24,517.00	25,288.00	25,219 *		702.00
	*Salary of Accountant	12,325.00	12,325.00		12,420 *	
	*Other salaries/wages/expenses	12,192.00	12,963.00		12,799 *	
0142	Treasurer/Collector	70,065.00	72,407.00	82,540 *		12,475.00
	Salary of Treasurer/Collector	17,000.00	17,000.00		17,000	
	Out of State Travel	0	0		150	
	*Clerical Wages	40,265.00	40,265.00		41,835 *	
	Tax Titles	1,200.00	1,700.00		10,000	
	Other salaries/wages/expenses	11,600.00	13,442.00		13,555	
0143	Board of Assessors	27,476.00	28,887.00	28,862 *		1,386.00
	Salaries of Assessors	6,200.00	6,200.00		6,200	
	*Other salaries/wages/expenses	21,276.00	22,687.00		22,662 *	
0144	Warrant Committee	385.00	350.00	285		(100.00)
0145	Town Clerk	24,517.00	24,554.00	24,610 *		93.00
	Salary of Town Clerk	8,239.00	8,239.00		8,239	
	Out of State Travel	0	0		0	
	*Other salaries/wages/expenses	16,278.00	16,315.00		16,371 *	
0146	Law	11,900.00	12,500.00	11,900		0

0152	Engineering	65,373.00	65,161.00	61,904 *		(3,469.00)
	Out of State Travel	150.00	0		150	
	*Other salaries/wages/expenses	65,223.00	65,161.00		61,754 *	
0160	*Elections/Registrations/Town Mtgs.	25,450.00	23,654.00	23,262 *		(2,188.00)
0171	*Planning Board	6,610.00	6,610.00	2,955 *		(3,655.00)
0173	Personnel Board	412.00	392.00	415		3.00
0174	Board of Appeals	2,215.00	2,846.00	2,250		35.00
1074	Conservation Commission	515.00	419.00	390		(125.00)
1065	Council on Aging	500.00	468.00	500		0
0186	Transportation Advisory Board	200.00	200.00	0		(200.00)
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT		299,732.00		304,786		5,054.00
	PUBLIC SAFETY					
0210	Police Department	403,287.00	408,415.00	422,628 *		19,341.00
	Sick Leave	8,500.00	8,500.00		8,500 *	
	Out of State Travel	0	0		0	
	*Salaries/wages/expenses	394,787.00	399,915.00		414,128 *	
0220	Fire Department	225,063.00	222,907.00	229,706 *		4,643.00
	Out of State Travel	150.00	102.00		150	
	*Salaries/wages/expenses	224,913.00	222,805.00		229,556 *	
0240	*Building Inspector	21,996.00	21,130.00	21,964 *		(32.00)
0250	*Sealer of Weights & Measures	1,040.00	1,050.00	1,050 *		10.00

*(*Item subject to change by adoption of ARTICLE 4)*

Acct. No.		1974-1975 Appropriations	Anticipated 1974-1975 Expenditures	Recommended 1975-1976 Total	Segregated	Recommendations in Excess of 1974-1975 Appropriations
0260	*Dog Officer	8,500.00	8,500.00	8,646 *		146.00
0270	Civil Defense	4,470.00	4,470.00	4,535		65.00
0280	Ambulance	8,918.00	8,543.00	11,650		2,732.00
TOTAL	PUBLIC SAFETY	673,274.00		700,179		26,905.00
	HEALTH					
0310	Department of Public Health	68,004.00	73,229.00	69,575 *		1,571.00
	Garbage Collection	29,900.00	29,840.00		29,840	
	*Salaries/wages/expenses	38,104.00	43,389.00		39,735 *	
0330	*Inspector of Animals	925.00	925.00	950 *		25.00
TOTAL	HEALTH	68,929.00		70,525		1,596.00
	DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS					
0400	Public Works Division	733,818.00	754,970.00	772,949 *		39,131.00
	Out of State Travel	300.00	300.00		300	
	*Salaries/wages/expenses	733,518.00	754,670.00		772.649 *	
0495	Sacred Heart Building			17,465		17,465.00
4490	Street Lighting	83,350.00	80,345.00	94,400		11,050.00
TOTAL	DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS	817,168.00		884,814		67,646.00

	VETERANS'					
0520	*Veterans' Services	27,506.00	26,226.00	26,613 *		(893.00)
TOTAL	VETERANS'	27,506.00		26,613		(893.00)
	RECREATION					
0810	*Parks	28,622.00	28,619.00	30,423 *		1,801.00
0820	Recreation	62,795.00	62,621.00	65.737 *		2,942.00
	Out of State Travel	250.00	250.00		300	
	Senior Citizens	1,950.00	1,921.00		2,000	
	*Salaries/wages/expenses	60,595.00	60,450.00		63,437 *	
0840	*Community Center	29,986.00	29,893.00	30,928 *		942.00
TOTAL	RECREATION	121,403.00		127,088		5,685.00
	UNCLASSIFIED					
1030	Community Celebrations	4,620.00	6,352.00	5,420		800.00
1064	Development & Industrial Comm.	300.00	300.00	1,500		1,200.00
1020	Town Reports	6,600.00	6,250.00	6,250		(350.00)
1040	Insurance	141,105.00	146,240.00	170,840		29,735.00
1050	Gasoline Fund	31,210.00	34,155.00	41,000		9,790.00
1220	Veterans' Graves	350.00	350.00	350		0
1800	Reserve Fund	100,000.00		200,000		100,000.

*(*Item subject to change by adoption of ARTICLE 4)*

Acct. No.		1974-1975 Appropriations	Anticipated 1974-1975 Expenditures	Recommended 1975-1976 Total	Segregated	Recommendation in Excess of 1974-1975 Appropriations
1070	Industrial Devel.Financ.Auth.	0	0	0		0
TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED		234,185.00		425,360		141,175.00
	PUBLIC LIBRARY					
0700	Library	105,811.00	106,298.00	109,776 *		3,965.00
	Out of State Travel	0	0	0		
	*Salaries/wages/expenses	105,811.00	106,298.00		109,776 *	
	Less County Dog Reimbursement	(1,610.00)	(2,295.00)	(2,200)		
	Less State Aid	(4,638.00)	(4,638.00)	(4,638)		
	Less Available Funds	(235.00)	(350.00)	(300)		
TOTAL LIBRARY		99,328.00		102,638		3,310.00
	EDUCATION					
0620	Vocational Tuition	5,000.00	5,000.00	3,800		(1,200.00)
0600	School Committee	4,800,000.00	4,800,000.00	5,184,807		384,807.00
	Out of State Travel	3,400.00	2,200.00		2,300	
	Salaries/wages/expenses	4,796,600.00	4,797,800.00		5,182,507	
0630	Regional Voc./Tech. School	109,813.00	109,813.00	139,149		29,336.00
TOTAL EDUCATION		4,914,813.00		5,327,756		412,943.00
	PENSIONS					
1580	Norfolk County Retirement	117,968.00	117,968.00	132,097		14,129.00

1581 Veterans' Pensions	5,060.00	5,231.00	5,410	350.00
TOTAL PENSIONS	123,028.00		137,507	14,479.00
INTEREST, DEBT REPAYMENT				
1301-1303 Interest on Temp. Borrowing	40,000.00	20,000.00	10,000	(30,000.00)
1320-1399 Interest on Maturing Debt	149,840.00	152,978.00	130,724	(19,116.00)
1420-1499 Maturing Debt	850,000.00	840,000.00	624,000	(226,000.00)
TOTAL INTEREST, DEBT REPAYMENT	1,039,840.00		764,724	(275,116.00)
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	8,469,206.00		8,871,990	402,784.00

*(*Item subject to change by adoption of ARTICLE 4)*

SCHOOL COMMITTEE BUDGET

	Budget 1974-75	Budget 1975-76	Change From 74-75 Budget
Administration	$ 138,888.00	$ 146,439.00	$ 7,551.00
Instruction	3,716,158.00	3,969,330.00	253,172.00
Other School Services	339,665.00	339,114.00	(551.00)
Operation & Maintenance	515,830.00	564,338.00	48,508.00
Acquisition of Fixed Assets	72,155.00	80,431.00	8,276.00
Programs with other District & Private Schools	42,905.00	85,155.00	42,250.00
TOTALS	* $4,825,601.00	$5,184,807.00	$384,807.00

**School Committee to reduce this to $4,800,000.00 as voted by Town Meeting - thus the increase of $384,807.00*

STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSMENTS

	1974-1975 Actual	1975-1976 Estimated
STATE TAX & ASSESSMENTS:		
Recreation Areas	$ 65,134.53	
Audit of Municipal Accounts		
Metropolitan District Areas	617.70	
Mass. Bay Transp. Authority	114,588.00	
Mosquito Control Projects	14,207.02	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Bills	1,779.30	
State Assessment System	516.80	
Air Pollution Control District	854.32	
Special Education (1972 - Ch.766)	21,000.00	
TOTAL STATE TAX & ASSESSMENTS:	$ 218,697.67	
COUNTY TAX AND ASSESSMENTS:		
County Tax and Assessments	$ 268,924.11	
Supplemental Assessment/Cty. Hospital	8,645.71	
TOTAL COUNTY TAX AND ASSESSMENTS:	$ 277,569.82	
TOTAL STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSMENTS:	$ 496,267.49	*$ 638,000.00

RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS

Receipts Certified by State	$1,429,541.17	*$1,140,000.00
Supplement left from previous year	130,058.33	
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	490,441.00	597,484.00
Licenses	200.00	200.00
General Government	14,000.00	14,000.00
Protection of Persons & Property	23,000.00	23,000.00
Health and Sanitation	16,000.00	16,000.00
Highways	2,200.00	2,200.00
School (local receipts of School Comm.)	35,500.00	30,000.00
Libraries (local receipts, other than State Aid)	2,700.00	2,500.00
Recreation	24,400.00	22,400.00
Water	260,000.00	270,000.00
Interest	16,300.00	40,000.00
Unclassified (Dividends, Insurance, Blue Cross)	8,000.00	5,000.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS:	$2,452,340.50	$2,162,784.00
Available Funds:		
Overlay Reserve	$	$ 246,257.00
Free Cash	158,275.00	25,345.00
Library Transfers	4,872.62	4,938.00
Federal Revenue Sharing	165,000.00	140,000.00
TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS:	$ 328,147.62	$ 416,540.00
GROSS AMOUNT TO BE CREDITED:	$2,780,488.12	$2,579,324.00

**State estimates not available. Warrant Committee estimates used instead for the two items shown. See the Report of the Warrant Committee at the beginning of this book for additional explanation.*

RESERVE FUND - TRANSFERS

The Reserve Fund is in reality the Town contingency fund. Individual department budgets do not contain individual contingency items and therefore, when unexpected events occur, or when costs run higher on budgeted items, the various departments seek the funds from the Reserve Fund. It is the responsibility of the Warrant Committee to approve or disapprove requests to draw on the Reserve Fund. For 1974-75, the Reserve Fund was set in Article 5 at $100,000. This amount was increased over those for previous 12-month fiscal periods because of the unknown factors of sharply rising fuel and power costs. As of the beginning of March 1975, transfers and anticipated excess expenditures for various departments are estimated to use up all or almost all of the amount voted.

OVERLAY RESERVE ACCOUNT

Every year, the Assessors designate a sum of money which has to be set aside to cover abatements, uncollected taxes, and judgments. At the end of each year, the Assessors release from this Fund those amounts not used to cover any of the designated expenses and not necessary to keep in reserve for contingent claims. There was no significant amount of funds in the Overlay Account at the end of the previous year and therefore, none was used to finance any Articles at the 1975-75 Town Meeting. This year there are such funds, and they can be used to finance Articles at the forthcoming Town Meeting. Below is a comparison of the amounts available from the Overlay Account for the last five years:

1971	$ 112,935
1972	$ 87,600
1973-74	$ 225,188
1974-75	NIL
1975-76	$ 246,257

EXCESS AND DEFICIENCY FUND

As its name implies, any excess money as a result of appropriations for department budgets or special Articles that is not expended and not carried over for some specific purpose, is returned to the Excess and Deficiency Fund. All money collected by the Town on insurance proceeds and fees goes to the Excess and Deficiency Fund. Money can only be drawn out of this Fund in the event of a declaration of an emergency and by special approval from the State authorities, except that at Town Meeting, the Town may use that amount certified as "free cash" by the Director of Accounts of the Department of Corporations and Taxation of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to pay for amounts appropriated at the Town Meeting. This year the State has certified as "free cash" $73,000. The next certification by the State authorities will be July 1, 1975.

EXCESS AND DEFICIENCY ACCOUNT

The fiscal year will not be completed until June 30, 1975. Thus, no monies have been returned to the Excess and Deficiency Account. Monies returned last year after the Town Meeting are reported in the Town Report.

WARRANT COMMITTEE'S COMPUTATION OF ESTIMATED TAX RATE FOR 1975-1976 REGULAR TOWN MEETING

	1974-1975 ACTUAL	1975-1976 ESTIMATED
TOWN OPERATING BUDGET (ART. 5) (1974-1975 voted at Annual and Special Town Meetings)	$8,469,205.93	$8,871,990
SPECIAL ARTICLES (1975-1976 as recommended by Warrant Comm.)	248,579.50	226,088
TOTAL WARRANT ARTICLES:	$8,717,785.43	$9,098,078
State & County Tax & Assessments	496,267.49	638,000
Overlay of Current Year	145,708.20	146,000
GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED	$9,359,761.12	$9,882,078
GROSS AMOUNT TO BE CREDITED	2,780,488.12	2,579,324
NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION ON PROPERTY:	$6,579,273.00	$7,302,754
TOTAL PROPERTY VALUATION:	$131,585,460.00	$133,600,000
TAX RATE:	$50.00	$54.65

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TOWN OF SHARON

SHARON, MASS. 02067

RETURN POSTAGE GUARANTEED

SHARON, MASS.

BULK RATE
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